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SUBJ: PERUVIAN CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT OF ILO CONFERENCE

SUMMARY: PROBABLE PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO ANNUAL ILO CONFERENCE IS GIVEN. CANDIDACY OF PERUVIAN MINISTRY OF LABOR FOR PRESIDENCY OF CONFERENCE IS EVALUATED FROM STANDPOINT OF U.S. INTERESTS.

BEGIN UNCLASSIED

1. PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO ILO ANNUAL CONFERENCE GENEVA IN JUNE SHOULD BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED MAY 27, BUT INFORMED SOURCE INDICATES GOVT DELEGATES WILL BE MINISTER OF LABOR GENERAL PEDRO SALA OROSCO AND AMBASSADOR TO GENEVA ORGANIZATITNS CARLOS ALZAMORA TRAVERSO. GOVERNMENT ADVISERS ARE REPORTEDLY TO INCLUDE MINISTRY LABOR INSPECTOR GENERAL JOSE R. ESPINOZA SALAZAR, MINISTRY LABOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR JULIO CESAR BARRENECHEA CALDERON AND MINISTRY LABOR TECHNICAL EXPERTS J. RENDON VASQUEZ AND C. BENAVIDES BOERO. EMPLOYERS DELEGATE WILL REPORTEDLY BE OTTO SEEGER ACCOMPANIED BY ADVISERS JORGE FERRAN AND CARLOS BOSSA. WORKDERS DELEGATE WILL BE JULIO CRUZADO ZAVALA,
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SECRETARY GENERAL OF ORIT-AFFILIATED CTP, WHILE WORKERS ADVISERS

WILL BE GUSTAVO ESPINOZA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF WFTU-AFFILIATED CGTP; VICTOR SANCHEZ ZAPATA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF CLAT-AFFILIATED CNT; AND DANIEL BOSSIO DE SILVA, SECRETARY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE GOP-SUPPORTED CTRP. END UNCLASSIFIED

2. MINISTER OF LABOR SALA OROSCO IS CAPAINING FOR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF ILO CONFERENCE, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC NOTE. US MISSION GENEVA REPLIED TO PERUVIAN MISSION BY NOTE MARCH 20 THAT USG DELEGATION WOULD SUPPORT CANDIDATE OF LATIN AMERICAN GROUP. LOCAL SOURCE UNDERSTANDS THAT PERU HAS SUPPORT OF MOST SOUTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS, BUT THAT CARIBEEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS ARE SUPPORTING JAMICAN CANDIDATE. SALA OROSCO ALLEGEDLY TOLD CRUZADO OF CTP THAT GOP WAS NAMING CRUZADO THE WORKERS DELEGATE RATHER THAN ESPINOZA OF THE COMMUNIST CENTRAL OR BOSSIO OF THE GOP-SUPPORTED CENTRAL ONLY ON UNDERSTANDING HE WOULD OBTAIN SUPPORT OF ICFTU FOR SALA OROSCO CANDIDACY. CRUZADO RESPONDED BY SENDING LETTERS REQUESTING SUCH SUPPORT TO ORIT AFFILIATES AND TO ICFTU. WE UNDERSTAND ICFTU WILL DETERMINE POSITION AT MEETING EARLY NEXT WEEK WHICH CRUZADO WILL NOT ATTEND.

3. PRESUMABLY USG DELEGATION POSITION ON CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY WILL BE DETERMINED BY LA CONSENSUS. IF THERE IS NO CONSENSUS OR IF USG DELEGATION HELPS IFLUENCE OUTCOME THAT CONSENSUS, AND FOR POSSIBLE GUIDANCE OF U.S. WORKER AND EMPLOYEE DELEGATIONS, FOLLOWING FACTORS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AMONG PROS AND CONS AS TO WHETHER USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT SALA OROSCO CANDIDACY. ALTHOUGH MINISTER OF LABOR IN JOINT STATEMENT WITH PANAMANIAN COLLEAGUE MAY 23 SUPPORTED TRIPARTITISM, SPOKESMAN OF MINISTRY OF LABOR AS RECENTLY AS LAST SEPTEMBER'S ILO INTER-AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CRITICIZED THAT CONCEPT. ON OTHER HAND, DEFEAT OF SALA OROSCO BY WESTERN DELEGATIONS WOULD WEAKEN POSITION OF CRUZADO AND CTP WITH GOP AND COULD ENCOURAGE POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT GOP CRACKDOWN ON THEM IN FAVOR OF COMMUNISM AND GOP CONTROLLED LABOR CENTRALS.
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